

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Communication mailed October 15, 2007 (**Non-Final Action**). The two-month extended deadline is March 15, 2008 (a Saturday). Applicants submit herewith a two-month Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the Reply is being timely filed. Applicants believe that the fees submitted herewith are sufficient. However, in the event that Applicants are incorrect in their assumption, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2415, referencing Docket No. 34569-704.201.

Claims 1, 3-30, 35-44 are pending in this application. Claims 16, 17, 19 and 35-44 are canceled. Claims 1, 3-15, 18, 20-30 are under examination.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 3-15, 18, 20-30 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of copending U.S. Application No. 11/546,820.

While Applicants disagree with the positions taken by the Examiner, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the provisional double patenting rejection has been obviated. Withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

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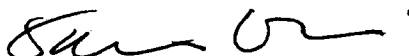
CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments submitted herein, Applicants believe that the Application is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (858) 350-2337.

Respectfully submitted,

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